



## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Thomas Markson, et al.

Application No. 09/885,290

Filed: June 19, 2001

For: VIRTUAL STORAGE LAYER APPROACH FOR  
 DYNAMICALLY ASSOCIATING COMPUTER  
 STORAGE WITH PROCESSING HOSTS

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**Mail Stop Amendment**

Commissioner for Patents

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Transmitted herewith is a Reply to Office Action With Amendment for the above-identified application.

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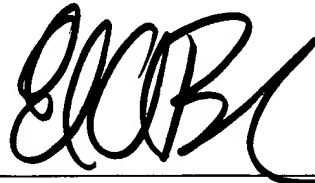
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## REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION WITH AMENDMENT

This reply is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed on December 17,